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1. Although Communist Party of Colombia (PCC) leaders insist that the conditions created by the 9 April revolt have favored the growth of Communism, they stress the need for penetration of the armed forces and effective control of the masses before a seizure of power by revolution would be possible.
2. At a recent meeting of the PCC Cundinamarca Departmental Committee, members were advised to make a serious effort to extend Communist influence in the Army and among the Military Police. The latter were considered to be of special importance in view of the strong repressive measures they had taken against all demonstrations. The following suggestions were made:
 - a. All friends and acquaintances among military conscripts should be contacted and convinced that the PCC is the representative and leader of the masses to whom the conscripts are so closely related.
 - b. Relatives and friends of soldiers should be persuaded to write them suggesting that they adopt a more lenient attitude toward the Communists and their activities.
 - c. All opportunities for fraternizing with and influencing the soldiers and Military Police should be used to advantage.

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